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REMARKS

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 18 have been amended as follows:

5. A method as defined in claim 1 [or 2], further comprising a fourth hydrotreating step of contacting the heavy oil matter produced in said first separation step with pressurized hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst, to thereby carry out an impurity removal treatment and cracking a part of said heavy oil matter, resulting in obtaining refined oil and a heavy oil matter;

said refined oil produced in said fourth hydrotreating step being used as the gas turbine fuel oil.

8. A method as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 7], wherein the gas turbine fuel oil is further subject to atmospheric distillation, to thereby provide light gas turbine fuel oil and heavy gas turbine fuel oil heavier than the light gas turbine fuel oil.

9. A method as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 4 and 7], wherein the heavy oil matter produced in the last separation step is used as fuel oil for a boiler.

11. A method as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 10], wherein said feed oil is subject to a desalting treatment prior to said atmospheric distillation step.

12. A method as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 10], wherein said heavy oil matter produced on the basis of said feed oil is partially oxidized by oxygen to produce hydrogen, which is used in said hydrotreating steps.

18. Gas turbine fuel oil produced according to a method as defined in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 17].